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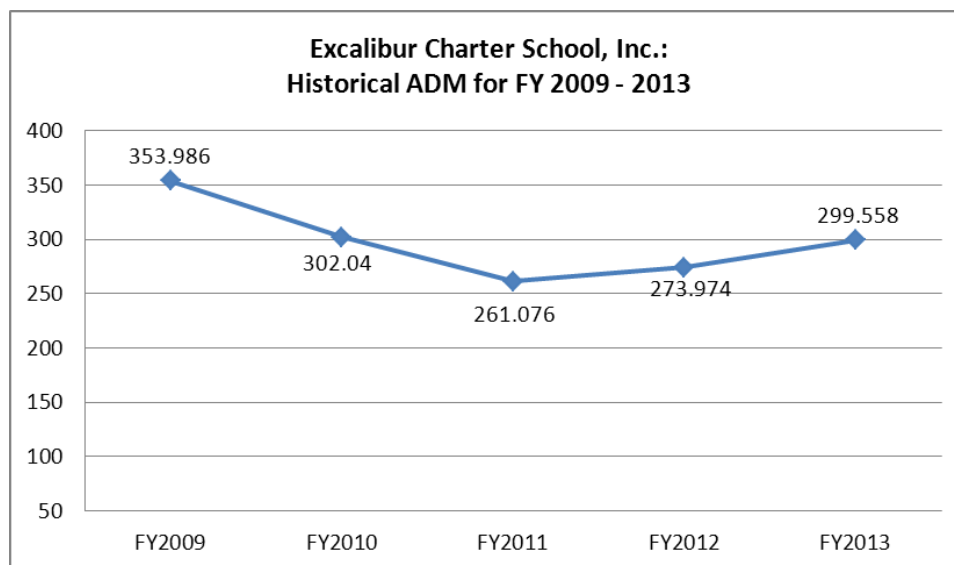
Excalibur Charter School, Inc. failed to submit a required Demonstration of Sufficient Progress by its deadline date of May 12, 2013.

Background

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-183(R), in implementing its oversight and administrative responsibilities for the charter schools it sponsors, the Board has developed a performance framework that includes the academic performance expectations of a charter holder and the measurement of sufficient progress toward the academic performance expectation. Charter holders that were required to submit a Performance Management Plan as part of its academic review during the five-year interval review are monitored in subsequent years in accordance with the intervention process outlined in Appendix C of the Board's Academic Performance Framework and Guidance.

As part of the academic performance intervention process, on February 12, 2013, Board staff notified Excalibur Charter School, Inc. of their requirement to submit a Demonstration of Sufficient Progress.

Excalibur Charter School, Inc. operates two schools serving grades K-12. The charter holder becomes eligible for renewal on December 30, 2013; the renewal application will be due March 30, 2014; and the request for renewal must be considered by the Board by June 30, 2014. The graph below shows the charter holder's actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2009-2013.



Dashboard representations of the academic outcomes for Excalibur Charter School, Inc., based upon the indicators and measures adopted by the Board, are provided below.

The overall rating for Avalon Elementary on the Board's academic performance measures was 47.5 including points received for the FY 2012 letter grade of D as reported by the Arizona Department of Education.

Academic Performance Rating FY 2012

Charter Holder: Excalibur Charter School, Inc.
Entity ID 79214

Charter School: Avalon Elementary
Entity ID 81173, Grades K-8

1. Growth

Traditional Elementary		1a. SGP		1b. SGP Bottom 25%	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read
Avalon Elementary	2011-2012	34	34	34	36.5
Points Assigned		50	50	50	50
Weight		12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5

2. Proficiency

Traditional Elementary		2a. Percent Passing		2b. Composite School Comparison		2c. Subgroup ELL		2c. Subgroup FRL		2c. Subgroup SPED	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read
Avalon Elementary	2011-2012	41/65	62/77	12.5	-14.5	10/43	60/54	38/55	61/69	14/28	14/36
Points Assigned		50	50	25	50	50	75	50	50	50	50
Weight		7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

3. State Accountability & Overall Rating

Traditional Elementary		3a. State Accountability	Overall Rating
School	School Year	Grade	
Avalon Elementary	2011-2012	15	47.5
Points Assigned		25	
Weight		5	100

Overall Rating	Point Range
Exceeds Standard	> or = to 89
Meets Standard	< 89, but > or = to 63
Does Not Meet Standard	< 63, but > or = to 39
Falls Far Below Standard	< 39

Additional information regarding the Academic Framework can be found at <http://www.asbcs.az.gov/>

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The overall rating for Excalibur Charter School on the Board's academic performance measures was 67.857 including points received for the FY 2012 letter grade of C as reported by the Arizona Department of Education.

Academic Performance Rating FY 2012

Charter Holder: Excalibur Charter School, Inc.
Entity ID 79214

Charter School: Excalibur Charter School
Entity ID 10339, Grades 9-12

1. Growth

Small High School		1a. SGP		1b. SGP Bottom 25%	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read
Excalibur Charter School	2011-2012	NR	NR	NR	NR
Points Assigned		0	0	0	0
Weight		0	0	0	0

2. Proficiency

Small High School		2a. Percent Passing		2b. Composite School Comparison		2c. Subgroup ELL		2c. Subgroup FRL		2c. Subgroup SPED	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read
Excalibur Charter School	2011-2012	35	69	2.2	10.2	NR	NR	47	64	NR	NR
Points Assigned		75	75	75	75	0	0	75	75	0	0
Weight		10	10	7.5	7.5	0	0	7.5	7.5	0	0

3. State Accountability & Overall Rating

Small High School		3a. State Accountability	4a. Graduation Rate	Overall Rating
School	School Year	Grade	GradRate	
Excalibur Charter School	2011-2012	50	67	67.857
Points Assigned		50	50	
Weight		5	15	70

Overall Rating	Point Range
Exceeds Standard	> or = to 89
Meets Standard	< 89, but > or = to 63
Does Not Meet Standard	< 63, but > or = to 39
Falls Far Below Standard	< 39

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Board Options

Option 1: The Board may approve withholding 10% of the charter holder's monthly state aid apportionment. Staff recommends the following language for consideration: I move to find that Excalibur Charter School, Inc. failed to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework pursuant to ARS 15-183.I(3) and approve the withholding of 10% of the charter holder's monthly State aid apportionment until a completed Demonstration of Sufficient Progress document has been submitted.

Option 2: The Board may vote to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter holder's charter contract. Staff has provided the following language for consideration: I move to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter of Excalibur Charter School, Inc. on the basis of its failure to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework pursuant to ARS 15-183.I(3).

I further move that:

- Within 48 hours of receipt of the Notice the charter operator shall notify staff and parents/guardians of registered students of the Notice of Intent to Revoke and the Notice of Hearing and provide a school location where the copy may be reviewed;
- Within 20 days of receipt of the Notice the charter operator shall provide copies of all correspondence and communications used to comply with the preceding provision; and
- Within 20 days of receipt of the Notice the charter operator shall provide the Board with the names and mailing addresses of parents/guardians of all students registered with the school.

Option 3: The Board may choose to withhold 10% of the charter holder's monthly State aid apportionment and to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter holder's charter contract. The following language is provided for consideration: I move to find that Excalibur Charter School, Inc. failed to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework pursuant to ARS 15-183.I(3) and approve the withholding of 10% of the charter holder's monthly State aid apportionment until a completed Demonstration of Sufficient Progress document has been submitted.

Additionally, I move to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter of Excalibur Charter School, Inc. on the basis of its failure to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework pursuant to ARS 15-183.I(3).

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